

Bits of Birmingham

"The weather of late recalls the nursery time. 'Rain, rain, go away, come again some other day.'"

"We have heard nothing of the motorcycle situation as reported by Lawrence Hulbert, who doesn't like 'em, but Sunday there were two incidents: an accident at the north intersection, and also word of a mishap at Adams road and Grand Trunk underpass. An informant told police a girl fell off the rear of a motorcycle, but when officers arrived, the girl was nowhere in sight. Torn clothing might have caused her to heat a hasty retreat. Who knows?"

Charles A. Walls, who recently gave a series of nightly talks at the Baptist Church, draws the cartoon and writes the text for the series now appearing alongside of church news. His cartoons appear in many newspapers throughout the country.

Patrolman Bob Emmett was recently detached to Martin and Southfield where a "suspicious colored man" was excitedly talking to a woman. Emmett, however, found the man was a Hindu, not a colored man.

Oscar Richards, parcel postman, is now three cracked ribs. He was fishing last Sunday when the boat lashed and he fell against a buoy.

Joe Byrne, postmaster, says his office is overhauled and ready for two more carriers and two more clerks. No date has yet been set for the examination which will provide a list of eligible workers.

Sam Howling, 719 Chestnut, was going through some old papers the other day when he can across two timetables dated July 4, 1915, of the old Detroit Union Railway. In those days he was a member on the division running between Detroit and Pontiac.

The tables contained hundreds of figures, giving the departure times for every stop between Detroit and Pontiac, an important consideration when many cars on a single track had to pass at scheduled times.

On the back of the tables are interesting rules and regulations, instructing motorists to stop at rail crossings, the conductor to hop out and look both ways. The car was supposed to start far enough back so that there would be sufficient momentum to carry across in case the power failed. A long list of whistle signals are



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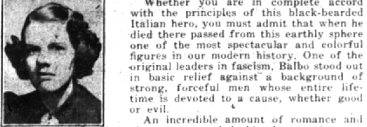
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From the Women's Angle

By LILLIE HURLEY MINIFIE
Regardless of politics there are probably few men who voted with complete lack of emotion the death during the last week of Italo Balbo, the 44-year-old fascist air marshal who died, in the words of a Rome correspondent "at the controls of his bullet-punctured and burning airplane" during an air battle over North Africa.



Whether you are in complete accord with the principles of this black-headed Italian hero, you must admit that when he died there passed from this earthly sphere one of the most spectacular and colorful figures in our modern history. One of the original leaders in fascism, Balbo stood out in basic relief against a background of strong, forceful men whose entire life was devoted to a cause, whether good or evil.

An incredible amount of romance and glamor surrounded this short, quiet man who is best remembered in the United States for his van dyke beard. He was one of the most popular men throughout the Italian empire chiefly because of his ardent fascist feelings and spectacular career as a flyer. There was a man whose very name spelled courage, excitement.

A quick review of his short life shows Balbo as a member of the aquaplaning crew for the fascist march on Rome, the leader of an expedition to the action of the action group, the Po Valley. He helped take Rome for Mussolini, became commander-in-chief of the militia, under-secretary of state for air, then minister and finally governor of Libya.

In cold, impersonal words that is the story of a man who gave everything—including his life—for his country. It is a story that will be remembered for all time. For I rather imagine that here, in his new battlefield, he at last met his great adventure. And he is far happier than he was when he staidly reads the martial word.

By KATHERINE W. GEORGE
The argument for and against owning a cottage rape each summer in many home-holds. We, too, have indulged in this perennial debate but so far, the cons have won against the pros. As summer home is a wonderful possession, of course, if owning it does not preclude every other form of vacation. Unfortunately, though, it usually does, exactly that and as a result, the scenic and educational spheres the children is narrowed down to just the home town and the lake, or wherever the cottage may be, with the consequent loss of the many benefits to be derived from travel. And for the mother of the family, who may plan much pleasure for the summer home, it usually means just a transfer of all her household cares and tasks from one locale to another, with the added burden of a continuous flow of guests through in.

Nevertheless, each time we visit some lovely rustic spot and watch others enjoying that special brand of summer fun which goes with cottage life, we are charmed anew and the idea of owning a cottage in the home of sorts, be it only a shack in the woods or a little beach-house by the sea, receives fresh impetus.

On a sabbath collection, though we are away off this step in favor of exploratory journeys throughout the land. Even if the vacation period is shortened in this way from summer's length to just a few weeks, it is always so much to be worth it, we feel. And one can really throw off the shackles of daily life on a trip and deft worry and ease and all.

NOTICE
The City Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 2, 1940, at 10:00 a. m. in the Municipal Auditor at which time a new ordinance for the purpose of controlling dogs in this city will be discussed. All persons interested in the ordinance are invited to be present at each hearing.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
VILLA ROAD GRADE AND GRAVEL
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What Your City Commission Is Doing—
July 1, 1940—
Bills were approved in an amount of \$9,117.88 including in the amount of \$7,510.78.

The "Brick Smell of Snowflakes"
Now, at once the black or navy dress braced with clean white is a midwinter cheer. Like the cold brick smell of snowflakes at midnight—An ad in the New York Times.



Representative Margaret Chase Smith (Rep. Me.) mixes home life with her politics and shows she can whip up a bowl of batter as well as a speech in Congress. Scene is kitchen of her Washington home.

Chiang's Son Is U.S. War Student



Thanks to a special act of Congress permitting foreign officers to study U. S. air tactics under special circumstances, Lieutenant Chiang, above, son of China's Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, is taking a course in advanced air combat tactics at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.

Why Is Trade Important?

By DR. V. O. WATTS
"The milk from my Holstein herd brings me in \$150 a month," says Farmer Brown. But suppose there were no trucks, wagons or railroads to take the milk to market. Or suppose there were no stores in which Mr. Brown could spend his milk money for tools, machinery, food, clothing, radios, cars, gasoline and other things he wants. How much then would the milk be worth? Most of it would be worth nothing to Farmer Brown, and he would soon stop producing it unless conditions changed. This shows that it is not the mere mechanical process of turning out gallons of milk, piles of grain, or barrels of gasoline which creates economic goods, or wealth. It is the exchange of our surpluses for such things—buying as well as selling—which makes it profitable. If there were no trade, and everyone produced only for himself, we would all be condemned to the poor and brutish existence of the lowest savages. Most of us in fact would die of cold, hunger and sickness in the first six months. Trade enables men and groups of men to specialize in the thing they can do best. This specialization enables them to produce greater quantities of everything and to produce new things which otherwise could not be produced at all. This abundance and variety of goods is the economic basis for civilization. This explains why civilization has arisen only where trade was easy and safe—along seacoasts, rivers and railroads, at trading centers, and in areas where traders were welcomed and encouraged. Trade gives value to our surpluses by enabling us to exchange them for goods we lack. Without trade the prices for most things would fall to zero, yet costs of production in terms of human effort would be higher than ever. Trade restrictions, therefore, do not help maintain our wage levels or real incomes. Instead they stifle the circulation of money and goods, make production unprofitable and reduce the general level of prosperity. When a tariff helps a particular set of producers it is only at the expense of still greater losses imposed on everyone else. That is why economists are virtually unanimous in advocating world-wide reductions of tariffs and other barriers to trade. This reduction would be the simplest way of raising the value of our products and increasing both our money incomes and our real incomes.

'Lost' Fawns Not Lost At All

ST. HELEN, Mich.—Nine little orphan fawns at feeding on warm milk at the headquarters of the Ogemaw game refuge near here because misguided persons kidnapped them from their parents, thinking them lost when they found them in the woods. Game men say the mothers are probably feeding nearby or watching from a safe distance when the "lost" fawns are being taken away by well-meaning but ignorant woods visitors. George, the Ogemaw refuge's tame deer, has a fine new rack of horns started. The antlers are now "in velvet" and George is most proud and careful of them.

Outlines Robin Tale—
BANGOR (MPA)—Here's a tale that outshines the whole batch of annual "first robin" stories. Early this spring, a park superintendent reported observing flocks of red-winged blackbirds, horned meadow larks, bluebirds, a marsh hawk, and a blue water snake. He also saw a robin.

Book on Cottontails Published by State

LANSING—Just off the press and available now for distribution is "Cottontails in Michigan," a 112-page book on rabbits and rabbit hunting by Paul Hickey, mammalogist of the game division of the department of conservation. Problems in the management of Michigan's wild rabbits for maximum hunting are dealt with extensively. The text is documented and plentifully illustrated.

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